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## OUR FLAG

"Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable."



There seems to be an increasing apprehension on the part of thinking people that there is grave danger of a close vote on the so-called "Wine and Beer" Amendment. Every person in Michigan who for any reason is in favor of this amendment will be at

the polls to vote "Yes" on April 7th. There are many people who are at heart opposed to the sale of liquor in any form as a beverage, and would vote "No" on the proposition should they go to the polls; but these same voters, many of them are indifferent for the reason that they believe their vote will not be needed to defeat the measure. This apathy might result in an overwhelming victory for the "Wet Forces" of the state, and a return of the saloon to every village and hamlet in Michigan. It behooves then every voter who would keep the saloon from Paw Paw, from Van Buren county and from the entire state, to be at the polls to cast a vote. A casual reading of the amendment does not reveal the real viciousness of the measure. For instance as pointed out by the Kalamazoo Gazette in a recent issue:—"It wipes out in one sweep all local option and prohibition restrictions and throws down practically every bar that has been raised by years of labor against the booze traffic." It makes possible the setting up of unlicensed unregulated saloons on every corner of every city, town, hamlet and crossroad in the state. "Further, no city or village could impose regulations upon whatever saloons might be set up, for the legislature only may pass laws upon such a point and its laws must be general applying to the whole state. The city or village could not collect any license fee, regulate closing hours, or number of saloons, define the districts in which they should operate, or put into force any of the checks which were maintained before prohibition went into effect." "The trouble is the amendment implies more than is

apparent on a casual reading. There are people who have been in the habit of using liquor (whiskey) occasionally especially in case of sickness, who have been dissatisfied with the law which has made it practically impossible to get it. Some of this class might on first thought vote for this measure on general principles without giving it a serious thought. It is the effect of the proposed measure in every section of the state, that should commend a careful, thoughtful study of it, before voting to let down the bars again and undo what has been done during all these years along the line of prohibitive measures.

There seems to be some misunderstanding in the minds of many people in Paw Paw township in regard to the "Road Amendments" which will be up for a decision at the hands of voters at the coming election. The big question of course is the so-called "Fifty Million Dollar" amendment. This is a measure, which if approved by a majority of the voters of Michigan, will enable the legislature, with the approval of the governor to pass a law bonding the state for any sum not exceeding fifty million dollars for the building of good roads in this state. If Michigan is to get the benefit of Federal appropriations for rebuilding, it must be in a position to appropriate an equal amount. The amendment would give the legislature that authority, and it is thought the probable sum to be raised each year would be about five million dollars. This is a state measure to be voted in every county in the state. Then there is a local measure that seeks to bond the township of Paw Paw in the sum of \$13,000 for the construction of a cement pavement from Gremps street on Main, west to the corporation limits. Now question has been raised:—If the fifty million dollar amendment carries, and Paw Paw should be on one of the main trunk lines to be constructed by the state, would it be necessary Paw Paw township to raise money to construct this stretch of village pavement? In other words would not this piece of pavement from Gremps street to the village limits, which in all probability would be included in the main trunk line across the state, be constructed and paid for at state and federal expense? The True Northerner has been unable to get a definite decision on this point. Opinions from well posted men have

been expressed on both sides of this question, but we are of the opinion that this stretch of village road would not be included in state and federal construction, if the state measure is passed; that villages would then as in the past have to look after the construction of its own streets. But, even if we should be mistaken in this presumption, and find that future road construction by state and nation should be made to include village streets, then in all probability some provision would be made for a to municipalities for streets already constructed according to specifications. The point is this:—This stretch of road should be constructed just as soon as possible. It is a waste of money to attempt to keep it in repair any longer. There is no assurance that it would be built by the state in ten years if at all. In the opinion of the True Northerner, the bonding question should carry and the ment built regardless of the possibilities of the big question.

The local school board will soon meet to consider the question of teachers for the ensuing year. Supt. Kaye's contract runs for another year, which is fortunate for the school and its patrons, for his place in the schools could not be filled at his present salary. The balance of the faculty however are working on one year contracts, and it will be the question of salary with which the members of the school board will have to deal at the coming meeting. It is a matter of common knowledge and understanding throughout the state, that teachers as a class, receive the smallest salaries for the nature and amount of work done of any class of employees. Paw Paw never has had a more successful school than during the past year. It would be poor business judgment to let a matter of a few extra dollars for a teacher stand in the way of a renewal of contract. A poor inexperienced teacher is a mighty poor investment at any price, and it behooves the school board to consider the question carefully and look to the importance of the future for the boys and girls of to-day, before they let a real teacher go because she feels that she must have more salary, and replace her with an unknown inexperienced teacher who might prove a disastrous and expensive experiment.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday service will be held at the

usual hours. Mrs. Olivia Woodman has kindly consented to occupy the pulpit, since our pastor, Rev. Shouffer cannot be here. He is preparing to move his family here from Michigan City and will be on the field ready for work the first week in April.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.  
Let every one be present for these services. Rev Brown will preach.

Christian Endeavor 6:00 P. M.  
Union service 7:00 P. M.

## S. D. A. CHURCH

The regular services here next Sabbath.  
A Missionary program will be given at 11:00 o'clock.  
No meeting Sunday evening.  
Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30. Everyone welcome.  
Orva Lee Ice, Pastor.

"Member of the Federal Reserve."

"A State Bank."

## Health - Happiness

Dr. W. A. Evans of the Chicago Daily Tribune, March 14th, states:—

"Old people would live longer and be much happier if they were secure against want. More than twenty per cent of the people over sixty-five years of age are receiving financial assistance. Thrift in youth and middle age is as important as fighting heart disease, as a means of attaining a ripe old age."

Open a Savings Account at this old Bank on the Corner.

## Paw Paw Savings Bank.

"Established 1886."

"Depository of State Money"

## REPORT OF THE CONDITIONS OF

## The First National Bank

AT PAW PAW MICHIGAN.

At the close of business on March 4th, 1919.

RESOURCES	Dollars	Cts.
Loans and discounts, including re-discounts		\$305,233.57
Overdrafts unsecured		406.03
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	25,000.00	
U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness as collateral for state or other deposits or bills payable	40,000.00	
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	10,000.00	75,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds 3½, 4, and 4½ per cent unpledged		12,400.00
Total bonds, securities, etc., other than U. S.		330,496.72
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock		2,500.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		3,600.00
Value of Banking House		10,000.00
Real Estate owned other than banking house		6,800.74
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		24,727.58
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks		22,417.75
Net amounts due from banks		92.35
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	22,510.10	
Checks on Banks outside of City or Town of reporting Bank and other cash items		373.89
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		1,250.00
Interest earned but not collected—Approximate—on Notes and Bills receivable not past due	10,559.01	
War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned		836.
Total		\$796,134.23

## LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		100,000.00
Surplus fund		20,000.00
Undivided profits	15,922.30	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	5,537.19	10,385.11
Interest and discount collected or credited in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	805.93	
Circulating Notes, outstanding		25,000.00
Net Amounts due to Banks, Bankers and Trust companies		47,304.51
Individual deposits subject to check		78,418.81
Dividends unpaid		440.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve	78,858.81	
Certificates of Deposit		408,544.85
Other time deposits		56,041.35
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44 and 45	464,586.20	
Bills payable other than with Federal Reserve Bank		10,000.00
Bills payable, with Federal Reserve Bank		40,000.00
Total		\$796,134.63

State of Michigan, County of Van Buren, ss.  
I, W. H. Longwell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. Longwell, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th, day of March 1919.  
Nellie M. Harrington, Notary Public  
My commission expires March 18, 1921  
Correct Attest:  
T. J. CAVANAUGH  
J. C. MAXWELL  
E. H. DAVIS  
Directors.

## Maple City Grocery

A. W. SHOWERMAN, Manager

## Every Day we are Selling

A Large Can of Tomatoes for	20c
1 pound Rumford's Baking Powder for	25c
1 pound Calumet Baking Powder for	25c
Vegetole, per pound	27c
Nucoa Margarine, per pound	34c
Armour's Oats	11c
A nice Bottle of Sweet Pickles	10c
Armour's White Soap, 7 bars for	25c

HIGHEST PRICE for Fresh Eggs  
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At Approximately the Price of Ordinary 3,500 Mile Tires

—and for much less than the prices of any other make carrying anything like equal mileage assurance—you can buy

## Pennsylvania VACUUM CUP TIRES

And you get, besides the 6,000 mile service for which they are guaranteed—per warranty tag—the guaranteed non-skid protection of the Vacuum Cups on wet, slippery pavements.

The only tires on the market carrying definite guarantees of service and safety.

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